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IO FOR ASST SECRETARY LEWIS

PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, HOROWITZ AND QUACKENBUSH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH NINE ON ILO

REF: GENEVA 3089

1. AGREE VERY MUCH WITH AMBASSADOR DALE THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE CONSULTATIONS ON STRATEGY FOR JUNE. I BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT TECHNICAL CONSULTATION DESIGNED BY NINE TO CHALLENGE PREMISES OF SECRETARY'S LETTER IS NOT ONLY, AS AMBASSADOR DALE RECOGNIZES, A BARREN HISTORICAL EXERCISE (DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM PRESENT AND FUTURE ISSUES) BUT FURTHERMORE IMPLIES OUR WILLINGNESS TO RE-EXAMINE CONCLUSIONS SET FORTH IN SECRETARY'S LETTER PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY NUMBER OF EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS WHO, LIKE BLANCHARD, BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL BODY OF OPINION IN STATE DEPT OPPOSED TO LETTER, SUCH A RE-EXAMINATION NOW DOES NOT SERVE USG INTERESTS.

2. I RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF MASSAGING THOSE OF NINE WHO FEEL LETTER, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION, WAS SOMEWHAT HIGH-HANDED, HOWEVER, OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT EXTENSIVELY ON PRESENT AND FUTURE ISSUES SHOULD
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IMPROVE THAT SITUATION. I REMAIN MORE CONCERNED THAT

LABOR MINISTERS MEETING APR 30 BE GIVEN CLEAR SIGNAL
AS TO FIRMNESS OF US INTENTIONS. SILBERMAN

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